

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2006

6 PM

CHAIRMAN:	MARION WRIGHT
VICE CHAIR:	JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN
INTERIM ADMINISTRATORS:	MILES HADLEY CARY MCSWAIN
COUNTY ATTORNEY:	DONNIE MCDONALD
COUNCIL:	
JEAN MCLEAN, MICKEY ROGERS, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, EDMOND BLUE, AND	JEFF QUICK, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

INVOCATION - Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 13, 2006

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince for approval of the minutes for July 13, 2006. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Tom Matheson, National Weather Service – presented a Storm Ready Award to Mr. Roy Allison, 911/Emergency Preparedness Director. Mr. Matheson stated that the Hurricane Season had been good so far and that Marlboro County was very fortunate to have Mr. Allison as its Director. He advised that Marlboro County had become “Storm Ready” under the direction of Mr. Allison.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 612 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT VALUES FOR PROPERTY TAXATION PURPOSES ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR

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AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BASED UPON
DECEMBER 31, 2005 VALUATION DATE FOR PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2006 –

No discussion was heard.

ORDINANCE # 613 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE AMBULANCE FRANCHISE
FOR THE COUNTY OF MARLBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA

No discussion was heard.

ORDINANCE # 614 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF
THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE PLAZA BUILDING TO THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MARLBORO COUNTY

No discussion was heard.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 612 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT VALUES FOR
PROPERTY TAXATION PURPOSES ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR
AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BASED UPON
DECEMBER 31, 2005 VALUATION DATE FOR PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2006 –
THIRD READING

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 612 – An Ordinance to adopt and implement values for property taxation purposes established by the County Assessor and the South Carolina Department of Revenue based upon December 31, 2005 valuation date for property tax year 2006. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 613 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE AMBULANCE FRANCHISE
FOR THE COUNTY OF MARLBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA – SECOND READING

Mr. Cary McSwain, Interim County Administrator advised the draft is still incomplete. Plans are to have a completed Ordinance for Council for the third reading.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to table the second reading of Ordinance # 613 until the next Council meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 614 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF
THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE PLAZA BUILDING TO THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MARLBORO COUNTY – THIRD READING

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 614 – An Ordinance to authorize the conveyance of the real property known as the Plaza Building to the Community Development Corporation of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SET DATE FOR COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY

All Council Members were agreeable to set Saturday, September 23, 2006 as Community Pride Day in Marlboro County.

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

PERMISSION REQUESTED DUE TO THE NECESSITY TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT THE COURTHOUSE AND TO FACILITATE THE PROCUREMENT FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT, COUNCIL TO DELEGATE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR THE AUTHORITY TO EVALUATE THE BIDS FOR TWO (2) METAL DETECTORS, METAL DETECTION WANDS AND TO AWARD THE BID TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS.

Mr. Cary McSwain, Interim County Administrator explained the procedure for putting the specs together along with the time line. He advised there would not be enough time to bid the specs out and get them back in before the next Council Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince authorizing the Administrator the authority to evaluate the bids for two (2) metal detectors, metal detection wands and to award the bid to the lowest responsive bidder meeting the specifications. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council was advised the appointee, Ms. Julie Calhoun who was previously appointed to the Recreation Commission by Mr. Edmond Blue, Council Member – District 7 was not in District 7 as required by Ordinance.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, Seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to rescind the appointment of Ms. Julie Calhoun to the Recreation Commission. Vote in favor: Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Jean McLean, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Marion Wright. Abstain: Mr. Edmond Blue. Vote: 7/1/0. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, Seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to appoint Mr. James Washington, III. to the Trinity Behavioral Care Board. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Jeff Quick, Council Member suggested sending one (1) more warning letter to the Recreation Commission Board Members advising they would be removed from the Board if they do not attend the next meeting. Mr. Cary McSwain suggested not putting Coaches on the Board in the future since it did present a problem with attendance.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS' REQUEST TO SPEAK

No Citizens were heard.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Carolyn Prince advised the Farmers Market Appreciation Day was a success. There was a good attendance. Mr. Marion Wright advised this was the beginning of accepting Food Stamps at the Market.

Ms. Mickey Rogers questioned the Warning Sirens. Mr. Roy Allison, 911/Emergency Preparedness Director was in attendance and advised he is looking at several options under the Homeland Security Grants. He said it is a slow process, but, we are actively seeking grant funds.

Ms. Rogers advised all of the animal at the Humane Society after Ms. Tennant's death have been adopted out. She advised a meeting for the "New" Humane Society had been scheduled for Thursday, August 17th at 6 pm in the Media Center at Marlboro County High School. She advised all support is appreciated.

REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – CARY MCSWAIN, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Weyerhaeuser – sale of the MDF Plant and Carolina Particle Board Plant were completed on July 28, 2006 to Flakeboard America Limited. The issue of monies owed to Marlboro County by Weyerhaeuser is ongoing with the assistance of DOR.

Delta Mills – the sale of the Mill is pending completion. The analysis is urgent and underway with the assistance of Greenville County and DOR.

Facilities Management – the Courthouse and several others have had electrical damage due to several intense lightning storms which has caused complaints with some employees. Mr. Billy Freeman and his small staff have done a yeomen job in keeping up. In some cases parts had to be ordered before the equipment could become operational again.

Farmers Market – the Farmers' Market officially began receiving Food stamps and vouchers at 3 PM on August 10, 2006. Approximately 100 people attended with free food

and drinks, as well as purchasing produce and socializing. Council Members in attendance were: Chairman Marion Wright, Mr. Edmond Blue, and Dr. Carolyn Prince.

Property Tax Reform – which is another name for the “slow death of Home Rule”? Several Council Members along with the Administrator attended the Property Tax Reform Class at the Association of Counties meeting. There were more questions than answers – of which part of all the answers is that Counties will have to wait until the dust settles and the Department of Revenue finalizes the policies and regulations driven by the legislation.

Finance Report – the current unencumbered balance is 95.74%.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter – to review the applications for the Administrator’s position. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to leave Executive Session and reenter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

The minutes were adopted September 14, 2006

Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council